

Abstract of the Disclosure

A form with a plurality of layout items for data presentation by a business application is defined by - simultaneously and one a single screen - providing (410) a tree view with tree nodes to represent the layout items, wherein the view visualizes structure information, a processing order, a selected tree node to represent a selected layout item; providing (420) a property view to display properties of the selected layout item; providing (430) a layout view to display items, wherein the selected layout item is highlighted; modifying (440) the selected layout item and the processing order through interaction with a user; and creating (450) a form definition document. The compatibility of layout items and processing order with a predefined data interface of the business application is verified as well.